

ORDINANDS

Please pray for these men who will be ordained for service in both the sanctuary and the marketplace: to *diakonia*, service to God's people.

PERMANENT DEACONS

James Roger Cahaney
Wayne Walter Corrion
John Harrison Epley
John Xavier Flanagan
James Martin Kasprzak
David Paul Lawrence
Donald Allen Michael
Gregory Raymond Middleton
Dennis Marvin Pennell
Aaron Michael Petersen
Gary William Prise
Larry Anthony Randolph
Thomas James Rea

TRANSITIONAL DEACONS

Anthony John Strouse
Mathias David Thelen
Pieter Charles VanRooyen
Thomas Kazimierz Wasiliewski



DIACONATE ORDINATION

10:30AM, SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2009
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, EAST LANSING

Deacons are first mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (6:2-5). The twelve Apostles called a meeting of all Jesus' disciples and asked them to select seven "filled with the Spirit and wisdom" who would devote themselves to serving the poor in the community so the apostles could focus their efforts on "prayer and to the service of the word." The Second Vatican Council brought up the idea of restoring the permanent diaconate and in 1967 Pope Paul VI reestablished the diaconate as a ministry in the Roman Catholic Church. Today there are over 26,000 deacons worldwide, with more than half of those in the United States. There are currently 78 active deacons serving the Diocese of Lansing.

A Transitional Deacon is a celibate man who has been ordained a deacon and who intends to become a priest. Transitional deacons are usually ordained to the diaconate after they complete their third year at the theological seminary. For several centuries, all Roman Catholic deacons were in this transitional stage between layman and priest.

Men preparing for the Permanent Diaconate undergo an extensive application and screening process and considerable theological education and formation. If they are married, their wives are included in the interview process. They complete the equivalent of thirty-six hours of undergraduate credit hours of theology prior to a four year period of formation as Candidates for ordination to the Order of Deacon. During Candidacy they focus specifically on the three-fold ministry of the deacon; Ministry of Charity/Justice, Ministry of the Word, and Ministry of Liturgy. Throughout this time they continue to discern their call and deepen their spirituality.

Starting this year the Transitional and Permanent Deacons will be ordained together. Please join us in welcoming these, our brothers, for service to the Diocese of Lansing.

April, 2009

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MIGRANT CAMP VOLUNTEERS

A morning of reflection and formation for migrant camp volunteers has been scheduled for Saturday, April 25, from 9:00am – 12 Noon at St. Joseph Retreat Center in Jackson. If you are a volunteer working in a migrant ministry camp setting and wish to register and attend, please contact Ron Landfair at 517-342-2496 or rlandfair@dioceseoflansing.org or Colleen Andrews at 517-342-2560 or candrews@dioceseoflansing.org

NFP

The *Introduction to Natural Family Planning* is \$10.00. Register with the Natural Family Planning Office at 517-342-2587 or at nfp@dioceseoflansing.org prior to attending the class. Checks payable to **Diocese of Lansing**, mail to: Diocese of Lansing, NFP Office, 300 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, MI 48933.

Introduction to Natural Family Planning (NFP) Classes:

Thursday, May 7, 7:00pm
St. Casimir, Lansing

Tuesday, May 26, 6:00pm
St. Therese, Lansing

Wednesday, May 27, 7:00pm
St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing

Thursday, May 28, 7:00pm
Holy Spirit, Hamburg

Saturday, June 6, 9:00am
St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, Flushing

Family of Americas Ovulation Method: Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 10:00am, St. Agnes Parish, Fowlerville. Call the NFP Office (517-342-2587) to register.

Sympto-Thermal Method (taught by Couple to Couple League): Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 9:00am, St. Thomas the Apostle, Ann Arbor. Contact Jolynn at 734-429-0603.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES



LIVINGSTON COUNTY CSS

Livingston County Catholic Social Services (LCCSS) provides mental health and substance abuse therapy on a sliding-fee basis for the uninsured. This service is provided by all of the Catholic Charities agencies because of our strong commitment to strengthening families. All of the agencies employ fully-credentialed therapists to provide outcome-focused mental health and substance abuse therapy. LCCSS is able to bill many insurance plans, and some counseling clients are able to qualify for a government-funded service. Agency co-workers are ready to assist people to make this determination. For those individuals and families that do not have insurance and do not qualify for a government program, the sliding-fee is used. The fee is determined by the household income and family size. Those served on the sliding-fee scale are required to provide income verification. The economy has had a significant impact on many families throughout our diocese, which then impacts LCCSS and the other agencies. Many employers have cut back on employee benefits, including those that provide counseling services. In addition, many families have outright lost the employment that provided these benefits. For LCCSS, this has resulted in a 32% increase in the number of people qualifying for the sliding-fee service. The sliding-fee services are subsidized by the Diocesan Services Appeal, agency fundraising and the local United Way. Unfortunately, these resources are already taxed and cannot absorb the increase. LCCSS has needed to scale back on these services and a waiting list has become more common. Each of the other agencies has needed to address this same issue in their own way based on local resources and demand; however, it has created a stress for all of the agencies. Pastoral staff should continue to make referrals to the local agency. Within the Livingston Vicariate, call LCCSS at 517-545-5944.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

A **Retreat Day for Persons with disabilities and their Caregivers** will be held Saturday, April 25, at St. Michael's Parish, Grand Ledge beginning at 1:30 pm and ending by attending 4:30pm Mass. Attorney Dan Blauw will be on hand to facilitate a caregiver workshop on Special Needs Trusts and Letter of Intent. Joann Davis will work with persons with developmental disabilities on "Easter People." Reservations for this event are requested by April 20th by calling 517-342-2497 or e-mailing: jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Some of our parishioners experience marital stress, depression, substance abuse or other problems. We are blessed to have eight Catholic Charities agencies spread across the ten counties of our diocese. They are extensions of our parishes and are available to help spouses, families and/or individuals with a wide array of problems. Please visit Ministry with Persons with disabilities on the Diocese of Lansing website for ideas on making your parish more welcoming to persons with mental health issues and their families.

CCMI MEETINGS

Christians Concerned about Mental Illness meetings will take a summer break. Our last meeting is scheduled for 12:00-1:00pm on Tuesday, April 28th at the Diocesan Center, Lansing. All are invited to attend. Contact Joann at 517-342-2497. New CCMI brochure available at:

<http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/disabilities/index.html>

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

One hundred and thirty-two other nations do not do it. America does. America has done it two thousand two hundred and twenty-five times. The rest of the world has done it twelve times. The oldest human rights treaty to which the United States is a party prohibits it, yet we continue to violate this treaty over and over again by sentencing juveniles to life without parole. Michigan ranks second in the nation with over three hundred juveniles sentenced to life without parole. According to a report issued in 2005 by Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch entitled "The Rest of Their Lives: Life Without Parole for Child Offenders" (<http://hrw.org/reports/2005/us1005/>), nearly half of these children were not even sixteen when they committed their crime and fifty-nine had no previous criminal record. Currently, the Michigan Senate is considering four bills addressing this issue. These bills do not provide for the immediate release of all prisoners sentenced as such. They do, however, allow for the Parole Board to have jurisdiction and to make decisions on parole based on the person's rehabilitation and other factors. These bills would also prohibit the sentencing of juveniles to life without the possibility of parole. Children are presumed to lack the capacity to make decisions related to their education or medical treatment, vote, sign contracts, use alcohol, or serve on juries or in the military without parental consent. Arguably, these children do not have the maturity or mental development of an adult, and these bills are a reasonable method to redress this issue.

ICDA CONFERENCE

The biennial International Catholic Deaf Association (ICDA) Conference will be held in Cleveland, Ohio from July 17-21 2009. This year's theme is *Changes, Challenges & Opportunities: Trust, Faith & Hope*. The special liturgies, workshops and entertainment will allow the Catholic Deaf Community a variety of both spiritual and social experiences. Contact rsmith@dioceseoflansing.org or 517-342-2532.

RELIGIOUS ASL WEEK

... held annually at De Sales Center in Brooklyn, Michigan will be offered again this year from July 26-31. The program is designed for priests, deacons, seminarians, qualified interpreters and lectors who minister to the Deaf Community. Contact Rose Smith at 517-342-2532 or rsmith@dioceseoflansing.org

BACK IN HIS ARMS AGAIN

This program is an outreach to women who have lost a child through miscarriage or other early death. Teams of parishioners in each region will be working with a priest to bring healing and comfort to the parents and recognition for the life of the child. Interested persons please attend the training session on April 25 from 10 am – 2 pm at Queen of the Miraculous Medal School Chapel, 811 S. Wisner, Jackson. For more information, contact Rosemary at 517-563-8166.

STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY

Richard Cohen, M.A. will deliver this presentation on April 23 from 7 – 9 pm at St. Patrick's Church, 5671 Whitmore Lake, Ann Arbor. The topics covered will be: Coming Out Straight, Real Causes of SSA, Process of Healing and What You Can Do To Promote Change. Call 734-930-7497 or email: cwa@rc.net

NEW SUPPORT GROUP FORMING

Are you an adult survivor of childhood abuse? You are not alone. We are looking to form teams of parishioners trained to support all adults who want to be healed of their abusive past. Each region will have an ongoing support group, for men and women, working with professionals to bring healing and hope to all who struggle. Contact Rory at rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org or 517-342-2469.

FAMILY LIFE

The 13th Annual Smart Marriage Conference will be held July 8-11, 2009 in Orlando, Florida. Go to www.smartmarriages.com for details. "Building Bridges" Seminar (for couples seeking marriage in the Catholic Church after an annulment or widowed) will be held May 2 & 3 at Maryville Center in Holly, MI. Call 517-342-2471 for details and registration.

CCHD

CCHD Local Grant Applications are due May 1, 2009. Applications are online at http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/cchd/cchd_2009_collecion.pdf or call 517-342-2471. **CCHD National Grant** timeline and instructions are available at <http://www.usccb.org/cchd/grants/process.shtml>

CRS

Operation Rice Bowl Grant Applications are due June 1, 2009. You can access the application at http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/crs/09_operation_ricebowl_application.pdf or call 517-342-2471.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT

ASBESTOS AWARENESS, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SEMINAR

Required eight-hour "Asbestos Awareness Re-certification Training" for all school maintenance personnel and an "Asbestos Operation and Maintenance" training will be offered on July 29, 2008.

Both training sessions are required under Federal Asbestos Hazardous Emergency Response Act (AHERA) regulations.

This is a D.S.A. provided training without fee to participating schools. The training is required for all for maintenance personnel and volunteer maintenance personnel and their supervisors.

Training will be at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt.

To register, contact Paul Garriépy at the Cemetery and Property Management Office, pgarriepy@dioceseoflansing.org, call 517-342-2534 or fax a list of staff names (be sure to include your parish or school) to 517-342-2519.

More detailed information will be mailed in May to school principals and all those who have registered.

CALLED TO PROTECT FOR YOUTH

In the 2009-10 school year, the Diocese of Lansing will introduce a new safe environment program for grades 6-12. It is titled: *Called to Protect for Youth* produced by Praesidium. Several dioceses are using Called to Protect. Praesidium has two decades of experience working with dioceses, religious, schools, YMCAs, camps, childcare, and social service programs in the area of safe environment.

The program includes a DVD hosted by Katie and Szucceed, two engaging young adults. The three-part series teaches middle and high school students:

The three types of boundaries: physical, emotional and behavioral;

How molesters try to violate their boundaries;

Ways to make molesters stop violating their boundaries;

Methods child molesters use to keep kids from telling;

The words to tell their parents or another trusted adult if someone is abusing them or one of their friends.

Train the Trainers workshops are scheduled (see below). Time is 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Christy Schiller, Praesidium's Called to Protect™ Program Manager will facilitate the training. Principals, DREs, CYM's and staff who will be teaching the material are required to attend one of the sessions:

Tuesday, August 18 - Lansing Catholic Central High School

Wednesday, August 19 - Father Luke M. Powers High School, Flint

Thursday, August 20 - Father Gabriel Richard High School, Ann Arbor

Friday, August 21 - Queen of the Miraculous Medal School, Jackson

One training manual will be provided to each parish and to each school.

Lunch will be included. Registration fee is \$10 to help defray the cost of light refreshments in the morning and lunch.

The registration form may be downloaded from the Safe Environment website at http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/safe_environment/Praesidium_called_to_protect.pdf

Please contact Sally Ellis, 517-342-2551, if you have any questions.

DSA 2009



The theme of our 2009 Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA) — Sharing Hope in Difficult Times — reminds each of us of our responsibility to be good stewards of our God-given gifts, and to use these gifts to help build up His kingdom on earth by reaching out to our sisters and brothers in need.

Across our diocese, so many are facing very difficult times; losing their homes, their retirement savings, workers losing their jobs and health care benefits, and many are losing their sense of security and hope. It is now, during these challenging times, that we must stand together as one Catholic community — a sign and source of hope to those in need.

While DSA supports our seminarians, our educational programming, our diocesan planning and other programs, this year we want to focus on our Catholic Charities. Our DSA brochure (www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa) shares some of the many ways in which our Catholic Charities agencies and other faith-based programs share resources and hope during these difficult times.

Let us all reflect on the many blessings we have received from the Lord and through our generous gifts to DSA continue Sharing Hope in Difficult Times.

2009 Diocesan Services Appeal Goal: \$4,500,000.

DSA SUNDAY - APRIL 26, 2009



FORMATION

May 1 - 3

Permanent Diaconate Pre-Ordination Retreat Part II- Bethany House, DeWitt
Presenter: Rev. Timothy Gallagher, OMV

May 4 - 8

Spring Priest Retreat - SFRC with Fr. Tim Nolan. Deadline April 26th

May 9

Ministry Formation Program - Spirituality Workshops, Sr. Carol Weber, OP; 8:30-4:30, Diocesan Center, Lansing

May 16

Permanent & Transitional Diaconate Ordination ~ Saint Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing - 10:30am ~ Reception to follow in school gym/cafeteria

June 5 - 6

Ministry Formation Program Retreat- St. Francis Retreat Center
Director: Sr. Carol Weber

June 13

Priesthood Ordination: Bishop Boyea will ordain Deacon Mark Rutherford into the priesthood at 10:30a.m. in St. Mary Cathedral

June 15

Lay Ecclesial Ministry Committee Meeting - Diocesan Center

June 26

Senior Priest Appreciation Luncheon - Bethany House

July 30

Midsummer Priest Day - Bethany House

July 31

Vocations Awareness Lugnuts Game - Lugnut Stadium

Aug 14 - 15

Seminarian Gathering - SFRC

Aug 16

Prospective Seminarian Dinner with the Bishop

Sept 15

Bishop's 2nd Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser

Sept 28 - Oct 1

Presbyteral Convocation - McGuire's, Cadillac MI

October 3

Deacon's St. Francis Day - St. Agnes, Fowlerville

October 16

Lay Ministry Convocation - St. Agnes Fowlerville

SUMMIT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES:

On Wednesday, August 26, the advisory committees serving under Michael Andrews and Pat Rinker will have a combined meeting to address collaboration in addressing the needs of the various ministries they oversee. This summit meeting will serve as the advisory committee meeting for the early Fall for Youth, Young Adult, Evangelization, Catechesis, Adult/RCIA and possibly other ministries.

EVERYONE

You will be receiving next month the **2008-2009 Annual Data Gathering Instrument On Faith Formation for Adults, Teens, and Children**. The deadline for return will be July 31, 2009. Begin now to assemble your information, following the format of last year's report. For those of you on 10 month contracts, please complete the form before you leave for the summer. Call: Michael Andrews at 517-342-2479; Pat Rinker at 517-342-2485; Pete Ries at 517-342-2486.

JOB BANK

Common Strategy 3: Assist every parish to develop a plan to improve communication.

To post a position opening or if any individual would like to list themselves as an applicant, contact the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership career center at www.nccl.org or 202-884-9753 or the National Catholic Educational Association job bank at www.ncea.org or 202-337-6232.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS



Goal 3.1: Create comprehensive continuing adult education and formation opportunities.

Not all adult faith formation needs to be parish based. Not all program offerings need to be short. Consider advertising for your parishioners **Summer Scripture Days**, an opportunity for adults to be apart to increase their Scripture/based knowledge, to reflect on their faith, and to be empowered to pass on their faith to their families and others. Come to St. Francis Retreat Center, August 11-13. This year's theme is: **I Am the Bread of Life**, based on the Gospel of John, chapters 1-10. Presenter will be Fr. Dwight Ezop, pastor of St. Jude, DeWitt and editor of **FAITH Magazine**. Cost is \$95.00 to \$155.00 per person, depending on meal plan and lodging. Scholarships are available. Contact: Catholic Charities at 517-342-2465.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES:

Goal 7.1 Engage youth, college students, and young adults through ministry and creative programming:

DYAC and Youth Events Committees will have their next meeting April 18, 2009 at St. Paul, Owosso. Meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude with lunch.

National Catholic Youth Conference parishes are signed up and we are now at 280 people. We have only received deposits for 190. Some parishes still need to get in their \$50.00 deposits. Scholarship assistance is available. Adult track has been added to encourage parents to register and come to the conference.

Diocesan Youth Leadership Camp is the best opportunity for forming young disciples offered for our diocesan high school youth. Application forms are on our website. <http://www.dioceseoflasing.org/youthministry/index.html> Final deadline is April 14. You only need a \$50.00 deposit to apply. Scholarship assistance is available.

Diocesan Young Adult Picnic will be July 19 in the Ann Arbor area. Details will follow in May. We have enjoyed the presence of over 125 young adults the last two years with liturgy, food, fun and worship.

Goal 6.3 Strategy B, Hire qualified leadership for youth and young adult ministry:

Keys to hiring qualified leaders:

- Post positions with qualifications and assistance of diocesan office.
- Combine with neighboring parish if you cannot afford to hire someone with qualifications and pay that is just and able to support leader and family.
- Interview at least three candidates to increase likely of hiring right person for the position.
- Once hired support with prayer, ongoing formation, feedback, affirmation, collaborative ministry and honest critique for improvement in performance.
- Require participation in regional and diocesan networking, collaboration and formation.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

RCIA DIRECTORS, RCIA TEAM MEMBERS, PASTORS/PASTORAL COORDINATORS

The Diocese of Lansing is co-sponsoring with the North American Forum on the Catechumenate an **Institute on Mystagogy** on Thursday-Friday, June 25-26 at Bethany House, DeWitt. Intended for RCIA Directors, RCIA team members, priests, deacons, and other parish staff members, this institute:

- Deepens an understanding of the intent and activities of the period of Mystagogy
- Models post-baptismal catechesis from the experience of the sacraments
- Leads participants to reflect critically on their approach to this period



Team members include Fr. Chuck Barthel, pastor of St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish in St. Louis, Missouri and Jerry Gallipeau, past chairperson of Forum's Board and national expert on this period of the RCIA.

Early bird registration deadline is April 25. Registration deadline is May 28. To register go to www.naforum.org or www.dioceseoflansing.org or call Pete Ries at 517-342-2486 for registration materials.

MINISTRY POSITION OPENINGS

Common Strategy 3: Assist every parish to develop a plan to improve communication.

If your parish is seeking applicants for a position, or you or someone you know is interested in current openings in youth or young adult ministry, religious education, adult faith formation, RCIA, evangelization, or pastoral ministry, call Pat Rinker at 517-342-2486; Michael Andrews at 517-342-2479; Pete Ries at 517-342-2486; Nancy Joseph at 517-342-2512.

PASTORS/PASTORAL COORDINATORS

Goal 4.1: Clearly define present roles and create new roles in the Church to serve the pastoral and spiritual needs of people.

Job performance appraisal/administrative review forms for the 2008-2009 fiscal year and contracts for 2009-2010 have been sent to all principals, DREs, CYMs, Directors of Adult Faith Formation, RCIA Directors and Directors of Evangelization. Call: Department of Education and Catechesis for information.

WELCOME HOME FEEDBACK

Goal 2: Commit to our mission of evangelization by sharing the joy and promise of the gospel with inactive and alienated Catholics and the unchurched.

An e-mail has been sent to all Welcome Home parish contact persons and pastors/pastoral coordinators to get feedback and information about 2008-2009 activity. Please confer to fill out the feedback form and fax it back to Pete Ries at 517-342-2515. A summary of information received will be shared with parishes.

DREs, CYMs, DIRECTORS OF ADULT FAITH FORMATION, RCIA DIRECTORS, DIRECTORS OF EVANGELIZATION

**Common Strategy 3:
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develop a plan to improve
communication.**

The Department of Education and Catechesis 2009-2010 calendar has been completed and can now be found on the diocesan website (www.dioceseoflansing.org), offices and ministries tab, Department of Education and Catechesis front page. This year it is in text format. Any additions, deletions or changes will be made throughout the year and appear in an alternate style for easy recognition. Please confer with the calendar as you plan regional and parish events.



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**DIOCESAN CALENDAR
 APRIL - JUNE, 2009**

April 27-30	National Conference for Catechetical Leadership Annual Conference ~ Dearborn	May 16	Catechist Formation Workshop, St. Matthew, Flint
April 29	Compliance Audit Workshop ~ Dio. Center	May 18	Young Adult Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
April 30	Administrative Professionals Day	May 20	Catechist Formation Workshop ~ St. Mary, Mt. Morris
May 1-4	Diocesan Pastoral Council 1:00 - 3:00pm ~ Diocesan Center	May 25	Memorial Day ~ Central Staff Offices Closed
May 1-3	Beginning Experience ~ St. Joseph Retreat Cnt, Jackson	May 27	Catechist Formation Workshop ~ St. Mary, Mt. Morris
May 2-3	Permanent Diaconate Pre-Ordination	May 28	Implementation Commission 1:00 - 3:00pm ~ St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton
May 5	Retreat - Presenter: Rev. Timothy Gallagher, OMV ~ Bethany House, DeWitt	May 31	Pentecost
May 7	Remarriage Seminar ~ Maryville Cntr, Holly	June 13	Priesthood Ordination ~ 10:30am ~ St. Mary Cathedral
May 10	CYM Advisory Committee ~ 9:30am - 1:00pm	June 14-19	DYLC Location: Bethany House, DeWitt
May 13	Compliance Audit Workshop ~ Dio. Center	June 15-18	Social Studies Curriculum Institute
May 14	Diocesan Board of Education & Catechesis 5:30 - 8:30pm ~ Bethany House, DeWitt	June 17	Catechist Formation Workshop ~ St. Mary, Mt. Morris
May 16	Mother's Day	June 20	Catechist Formation Workshop ~ St. Matthew, Flint
May 17	Diocesan Worship Commission 10:30am - 3:00pm	June 21	Father's Day
May 18	Catechist Formation Workshop ~ St. Mary, Mt. Morris	June 24	Diocesan Cedar Point Day ~ Sandusky, Ohio
May 19	DRE Advisory Committee ~ 9:30am -12:00pm		Catechist Formation Workshop ~ St. Mary, Mt. Morris
May 20	Permanent Diaconate Ordination - 10:00am		
May 21	St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing		